

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (currently amended)      A method of driving a vertically aligned liquid crystal display comprising the steps of:

dividing one field ~~of each of pulses carried by a digital drive signal~~ into a plurality of subfields including at least a first ~~one~~ subfield shorter than a given period for which an output light of a liquid crystal varies from a white level that is a saturated level, to a black level and a second subfield longer than the given period, the first subfield having one display-off period for which the liquid crystal is not driven and one display-on period for which the liquid crystal is driven and the second subfield having a plurality ~~one or more~~ of display-off periods for which ~~the~~ a liquid crystal is not driven and a plurality ~~one or more~~ of display-on periods for which the liquid crystal is driven, each display-off period of the second subfield being shorter than the given period, the display-off period of the first subfield being equal to each display-off period of the second subfield ~~always located between two adjacent display-on periods, a ratio of the total of display-on periods including the display-on periods of the first and second ~~one~~ subfield over the subfields to the one field being in the range from 1 : 6 to 5 : 6; and~~

supplying at least a saturated drive voltage as a ~~the~~ digital drive signal to the liquid crystal for each display-on period to modulate light incident in the liquid crystal.

Claim 2. (cancelled)

Claim 3. (original)      The driving method according to claim 1, wherein the supplying step includes the step of supplying a voltage larger than the saturated drive voltage to the liquid crystal.